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Our Ref: MB/SH FOI 5951

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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5951**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 22nd September 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1. How many individual cases regarding disclosures made under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 and/or whistleblowers have you fought at employment tribunals since 2015?

Please include a year by year breakdown.

I can confirm that the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust have had 0 cases regarding disclosures made under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 and/or whistleblowers since 2015.

2. How much has been spent on external lawyers and legal advice for Employment Tribunal Litigation pertaining to public interest disclosures in the past five years?

Please include a year by year breakdown.

Nil.

3. Please can you include the name(s) of the law firm(s) and barristers involved and itemise how much was spent on each?

N/A

4. How many ongoing cases are there pertaining to the above and in which year did they start?

N/A

5. What is the longest ongoing case relating to any of the above and what has been the cost of this to date?

N/A

6. How many 'guardians' has the trust employed each year since 2015 to date? Please provide a breakdown for each.

The WCFT have 1 Freedom To Speak Guardian employed at the Trust.

Please see our response above in blue.



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**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5951 in any future communications.**

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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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